



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

2 NAVY ANNEX

WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 2983-99

20 April 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 18 April 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 2 February 1993 at age 18. The record shows that you satisfactorily completed initial training. Prior to reporting to your first duty station you were hospitalized following a suicide attempt. A psychiatric evaluation, dated 15 May 1993, states that you made a superficial laceration on your wrist and ingested 40 pills. You told the psychologist that you attempted suicide because you hated the Navy and wanted to escape. You were diagnosed with a personality disorder and recommended for expeditious administrative separation because you were believed to be an ongoing risk to harm yourself or others.

Based on the psychiatric evaluation you were processed for an administrative separation. At that time you stated "I do not object to this separation." Subsequently, the separation authority directed an entry level separation due to the diagnosed personality disorder. You were so separated on 28 June 1993. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

You state in your application that you were young and immature,

and the incident which resulted in your discharge occurred while you were under the influence of alcohol. You have submitted character references to support your contention that no further incidents have occurred and to show that you have made a successful adjustment since your separation from the Navy. You desire a change in the reenlistment code so that you can again serve in the military.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to a diagnosed personality disorder and such a code is normally assigned when an individual is deemed to be at risk to harm himself or others. Since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director